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Santa Claus gets hitched

KIM CARTMELL Special to The Times

Reg and Alice Pearson, of Welland, celebrated their 10 year anniversary by renewing their vows at the Little Log Chapel in Stevensville. Every year they dress as Mr. and Mrs. Claus for Christmas parties and parades, so they decided to dress up for their ceremony, led by Reverend Deborah Vaughn.

Peace Bridge students think of others at Christmas

Me to We Club holds fundraiser for children in need

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Instead of thinking of themselves during Christmas, Peace Bridge Public School's Me To We Club members thought of others.

"The Me to We Club at Peace Bridge Public School is spreading the message of 'Choose Kind' this Christmas in multiple ways," said teacher Sarah Thomas.

The club, which consists of students' Corrina Renshaw, Aleisha Noganosh, Ethan Stevens and Isaac Sisler, decided to organize a Canadian Tire money drive to give children in need a special Christmas.

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Students happy with successful fundraiser

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They collected more than $300 in Canadian Tire money which was used to purchase toys.

The students also sold Wonder Oreos, which are cookies dipped in chocolate and candy canes.

The four students challenged their school mates to purchase an Oreo and send it anonymously to another person within the school, Thomas explained.

"They asked students to think of others and to see what happens when you send them a yummy cookie," she said.

"You just never know what will happen when you give an Oreo away to someone else."

Thomas said the students sold about 500 cookies and raised $250.

Thanks to the Me to We Club's efforts, with the help of private donors, Thomas said more than 300 presents will be distributed to children in need within the school's community.

Renshaw said she is happy with what she and her fellow Me to We Club members accomplished.

"I think everybody deserves a Christmas but not everyone gets one," she said.

Stevens said he was surprised both of the Me to We Club's fundraisers were so successful.

"I was actually really glad he said."

Me to We is an initiative through the Free the Children organization that teaches elementary school students to think not of themselves, but of others in the community and around the world. Canadian Craig Kielburger founded the organization which is dedicated to encouraging young people to stand up, have their voices heard and fundraise for charity programs internationally, especially those that help other youth.

To learn more about Me to We visit online at www.metowe.com.

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From left, Ethan Stevens, Corrina Renshaw, and Aleisha Noganosh prepare some of the presents that will be delivered to children on Christmas. The students are part of Peace Bridge Public School's Me to We Club and organized a school-wide fundraiser to give Children in need a special

Parties prepare for upcoming byelection

Preferred Liberal candidate Joyce Morocco says work still needed before representative is chosen

Matt Day
QMI Agency Niagara

Joyce Morocco is taking it one step at a time.

After being named the preferred Liberal candidate for the Niagara Falls riding, the city councillor said she knows there's a lot to be done before representing the area at Queen's Park.

"Next for me is to win the nomination, which I think they'll call pretty soon," she said. "Then we'll have to get into our campaign office "then wait for the premier to call the byelection."

A confident Morocco then told of her next plans.

"When I get elected, I can't hold two positions," she said, explaining she'll have to step down from her role as city councillor.

Ontario's NDP Leader Andrea Horwath said the Liberals shouldn't be confident heading into a byelection following the sudden resignation of longtime Liberal MPP Kim Craitor in September.

"I think it's pretty clear that people are tired of a government that doesn't seem to care about their priorities, whether it's jobs, cost of everyday life, the way they treat the public purse with such disrespect," she said Tuesday. "This byelection is a chance to offer Niagara residents an MPP that will deliver for them."

Horwath said this despite the party having not chosen its Niagara Falls candidate as of yet. She said the nomination committee has spoken to Wayne Redekop and Wayne Gates -- two men who have both have run for the NDP party in the past, Gates federally -- as well as others.

"We're still working on our process. We have a democratic process and we won't announce candidates before the riding association is allowed to vote on them," she said, taking a jab at the recent Liberal process.

Niagara Falls Progressive Conservative candidate Bart Maves said he's ready for the byelection at any time.

A date has not been chosen, but a byelection must be called by March unless there is a general election before then.

"I've been going door-to-door the last several months and I'm hearing from a lot of people that they are fed up with the direction that the province is going," Maves said.

He said he wasn't surprised to hear Morocco's name tied to the Liberals, especially after Morocco ran for the party federally in the 2008 federal election.

Following Premier Kathleen Wynne's announcement in Niagara Falls Monday, Morocco said her main focus in the byelection would be jobs.

"We've got a plan," she said. "We need a strong voice and someone with political experience to pull it off."

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Shops won't take hit on Drive Clean

Jeff Bolichowski
QMI Agency Niagara

Niagara mechanics will dodge a kick in the pocketbook as the province drops the cost of testing cars for emissions.

"They have told us it will not affect our facility on how much we're making," said Kimberlea Rees, manager of Emission Test Only in St. Catharines, of the Ontario government's move to cut the cost of Drive Clean emissions tests from $35 to $30.

"If they're dropping five dollars, they're dropping five dollars on their end."

Shops providing the tests — which the Ontario Progressive Conservatives say should be slashed altogether — will probably get slightly more back from the program now, said Environment Minister Jim Bradley. He said the province will pick up the tab for dropping the fee.

"It came right out of the government's administration costs," he said.

The program is intended to be revenue-neutral. Bradley said the province isn't allowed to use Drive Clean tests as a revenue-generator, but it ran a surplus in 2012 after years of deficits.

"That's the goal is for it to be even," he said. "It doesn't make any money, it doesn't lose any money."

But Kitchener-Conestoga MPP Michael Harris, the Tories' environment critic, ripped the program as unneeded and called for it to get the axe.

"Clean cars and fuel have rendered Drive Clean redundant, so reducing fees by five dollars just isn't going to cut it," he said.

"This is no longer about the environment. This is about the money."

Bradley dismissed the suggestion. "That's consistent with virtually every environmental program — the Conservatives either want to cut the program or eliminate it," he said.

He said about 20% of Ontario's smog comes from vehicle emissions. The tests, he said, can cut that figure by one-third.

Both Rees and Bart Klimowicz, service manager at Hill-Boles Automotive in Welland, said shops don't make much money on emissions tests. Klimowicz figured his shop keeps about $22 to $23 of the $35 fee.

He said he hadn't heard yet who would cover the cut but called for it to be divided percentage-wise.

But he said the program is worth keeping.

"It's a very good program, to be honest with you," he said. His shop, he said, was one of the earliest to provide emissions testing, and he's seen failure rates drop drastically since the program's inception.

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From left, Mobina Marani, Cathy Watts, Flo Fraser, Ruth Watts, Natasha Dalben and Joan Deteau were helping the Friends of St. Vincent de Paul organize Christmas hampers last Friday at St. George Catholic Church for families in need. About 190 Christmas hampers were distributed to families last Saturday and included items such as candy, a turkey, non-perishable food items, fruit, toys and other necessities.

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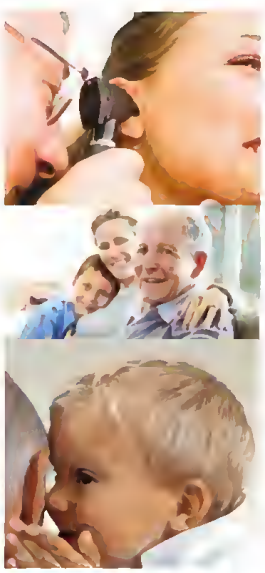

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by Alaina Hilliar, M.Cl.Sc
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Tickets are $40 per person or $70 per couple.

For more information call the Royal Canadian Legion at 905-894-5927 or Barb Hopkins at 905-894-2766.

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Bridges Community Health Centre will also host classes on March 26, April 2 and 8 from 10 a.m. to noon.

For more information about the cooking classes, call the Fort Erie Salvation Army at 905-871-1592 or Bridges Community Health Centre at 905-871-7621.

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Do You Remember?

We have no new information about Santa's visit to Fort Erie in last week's photo, but we hope his visit this year brought lots of treats and toys to your stockings and trees.

If you recognize the holiday decorators in this week's photo, please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum 905-894-5322 or e-mail museum@forterie.on.ca.

Fort Erie residents exemplify the true meaning of Christmas

Sarah Ferguson
Editor's Notebook

Just when I think the people of Fort Erie can't possibly surprise me-that's exactly what they do.

I always hear Fort Erie has a mountain of negativity that surrounds it.

I've even heard this town described as Fort Dreary.

But, after this week, I certainly don't think that is the case.

Last Friday, I stopped at St. George Catholic Church in Ridgeway to talk to the volunteers who were putting together about 180 Christmas hampers that were delivered to people the next day.

It was breathtaking to see hundreds of toys, and food so neatly organized.

The volunteers were like a well-oiled machine that moved items from a truck and placed inside the church to be sorted.

Yesterday, 180 families living in the west end of Fort Erie had a special Christmas thanks to the generosity of others.

These hampers don't even include the countless other donations that were delivered to people from the Fort Erie Salvation Army and Community Program Outreach Erie.

I also had a good chuckle as I watched students from Ridgeway Public School throw whipped cream pies in their teachers' faces.

It was a fantastic reward for the students who raised about $1,000 in donations of toys and non-perishable food.

The entire school piled into the gymnasium to watch the affair last Thursday.

Children hooted, hollered and demanded the whipped cream pies be made bigger and messier each time a new staff member sat in a chair in front of the crowd and waited for his or her fate.

I've only given a few examples of the help that Fort Erie residents have provided to each other during the month of December.

With a large portion of people living on minimum wage, part-time hours, and many people looking for work, I didn't expect to see such an amazing response for the growing need of the community.

All of the people that I have met in the past few weeks who have helped to make a difference in the lives of others shows me that it doesn't take much to make a huge difference in the lives of people that need help.

Whether it's dropping some spare change in a Christmas kettle, collecting a few donations of food, choosing to be a kinder person to other people, or letting a student smush a pie in your face, every little bit helps. With Christmas Day behind and the New Year just days away, there is a lot to be thankful for.

It may not always be easy to maintain a positive attitude, but I think the people of Fort Erie have shown that they care about each other.

I've always had "the glass is half full kind of attitude" and I think many of the people who live in this town do too."

As the holiday season is upon us, all of the staff here at the Fort Erie Times would like to wish its readers a very Merry Christmas, and a wonderful 2014.

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opinion page

Library staff share their favourite stories for the holidays

Amy Roebuck
Fort Erie Public Library

Now that the holiday tasks are complete, and leftovers make meal planning simple, is there time to relax with a good book?

To save you time browsing, here is a list of the Fort Erie Public Library staff's favourite fiction of 2013.

The variety ensures that there is something for every reading taste, and the tendency of staff members to share their recommendations with each other before we pass them along to you means that most of these choices are hits with two or more people.

That sounds very polite and well-mannered.

Usually, we wave books in each other's faces and yell, "You have got to read this!"

Derek Clendening is our resident Stephen King fan, but this year Debbie Ashworth and others were fascinated by 11/22/63, the alternate history, time travel story of John F. Kennedy's days in Dallas.

Historical fiction features prominently on our list.

Nelly Weaver recommends The Day the Falls Stood Still by Cathy Marie Buchanan and I can't choose between The Obituary Writer by Ann Hood and The Aviator's Wife, by Melanie Benjamin.

Mary Beth Kean's account of Typhoid Mary, Fever, is Joel Nash's pick of the year, while Jean Christie selects Remembering the Bones, a novel by Frances Itani with a First World War setting.

Maria Brigantino adds Trevor Ferguson's The Timekeeper, a coming of age tale set in a 1960's Canadian railroad camp, to her annual Nicholas Sparks pick, which this year is The Longest Ride.

Canadian authors, as seen above with Buchanan, Itani and Ferguson, are popular with staff members.

Dawn Gangarossa likes Peter Robinson's Inspector Banks mystery Aftermath, and Richard Wagamese's Indian Horse is the choice of Laura Rudynski-Martino. Where'd you go, Bernadette? by Maria Semple is Sean Fleming's recommendation, and Laura Martin shares her love of Robin Sloan's Mr. Penumbra's 24-hour Bookstore with adults and teens alike.

Don't forget our break week activities: NHL '14 Playoff is just for Xbox hockey fans.

The puck drops at the Centennial branch on Saturday, Dec. 28 at 10:30 a.m.

We'll set up the equipment and tourney and you can play to the finals.

NHL '14 is free, and all ages are welcome.

Later Saturday afternoon, the movie Mortal Instruments will be shown at the Centennial branch. If you are interested in learning the basics of staying home alone safely, or you want to find out What Every Babysitter should know, we can help you before you return to school in January.

Children ages seven to 10 can register for the Home Alone course being offered on the afternoon of Jan. 2 at Crystal Ridge, and ages 11 to 14 can sign up for the Babysitting course which will be given on Jan. 3 at the Centennial branch, all by calling St. John Ambulance at 905-356-7340.

The library is closed today for Boxing Day and will also be closed on Jan. 1, 2014. All branches of the library will be open on Dec. 31 from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The website www.fepl.ca is available with any internet connection, any day, any time. Book drops at all branches are open for returns when the library is closed.

Amy Roebuck is the community services coordinator for the Fort Erie Public Library.

Find out how much you have learned about health this year

Dr. Gifford Jones
The Doctor's Game

Am I a good teacher or do I get an F for effort during the last year?

The best way to find out is to see how much you have learned from this column.

Good luck in this true or false test.

True or false: 95% of patients with Type 2 diabetes are obese. Obesity, diabetes and the complications of these diseases will eventually cripple this nation's health care system.

True or false: Today 85 percent of seafood used in North America is imported and much of it is farm-raised. Small fish contain the least contaminates.

True or false: Zona Plus is a computerized device that helps to lower blood pressure without medication. The idea resulted from research on fighter pilots and the medical problems that result from extreme G-forces.

True or false: 100,000 milligrams of intravenous vitamin C given for several days can cure meningitis, encephalitis, measles, death from a poisonous snake, and prevent paralysis in patients diagnosed with poliomyelitis.

True or false: If you're taking a calcium supplement it's also prudent to take vitamin D and vitamin K2 which directs calcium into bone, rather than coronary arteries.

True or false: High intensity focused ultrasound is a new treatment for prostate cancer if the Gleason score is low and the malignancy confined to the prostate gland.

True or false: A report from the Cleveland Clinic says that there is no scientific evidence that antibiotics are needed before dental procedures if patients have undergone total joint replacement, although they're commonly prescribed by dentists.

True or false: Ascaris lumbricoides looks like a garden worm and infects 25 percent of the world's population.

True or false: A CT scan of the abdomen produces 500 X more radiation than a single chest X-ray and 1000 times that of a dental x-ray or bone mineral density test.

True or false: Hemochromatosis is a genetic condition in which there is too much iron in the body.
This disease affects 1.5 million North Americans, but only 10 percent will develop symptoms. Vitamin C should not be taken if patients have this condition as this vitamin increases the absorption of iron from the bowel.

True or false: Testicular cancer rates have been rising, 42 percent in the last 25 years. Currently it's the most common cause of malignancy in males between 15 and 35 years of age. Men must get used to examining their testes, just as women examine their breasts for lumps.

True or false: The kinetic energy imparted by rotating blades of a power mower is three times the muzzle velocity of a .357 Magnum pistol. This power can fire a rock at people nearby on the grass at the speed of 100 miles an hour inflicting serious eye injuries.

True or false: Studies in mice show that when given laxatives for four months, degeneration of intestinal nerves occurs. In humans, a high fiber diet usually causes stools to float.

True or false: A dog's nose has 220 million cells that detect odours compared to five million in humans. This is why their sense of smell is so sensitive. They can detect cancer better than dermatologists, surgeons or plastic surgeons.

True or false: 10 percent of North Americans have gallstones. If they are not causing symptoms they are best left to the crematorium.

True or false: Every year 100,000 deaths are due to prescription drugs. Dead bodies do not result from the use of natural remedies.

True or false: A university survey revealed that 80 percent of students believed that their parents did not have sex.

True or false: Dr. Sydney Bush has shown that 6,000 milligrams of vitamin C and 5,000 milligrams of lysine can prevent and reverse hardening of coronary arteries. But this natural remedy is collecting dust due to the closed minds of cardiologists and medical journals.

True or false: Some researchers believe the PSA test for prostate cancer sometimes diagnoses cancers that might never require treatment. Unnecessary treatment may result in complications, such as urinary incontinence and impotence.

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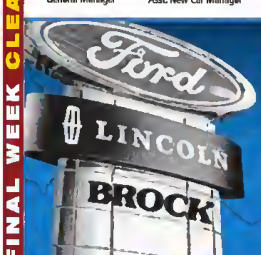

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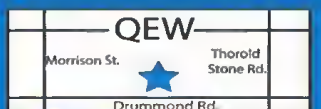

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St. George spreads Christmas cheer

SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

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Peace Bridge Public School students enjoyed a turkey dinner last Wednesday to celebrate its first year as a new school.

Holiday meal unites Peace Bridge Public School students

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Nothing ties a school community together like a piping hot holiday meal.

Peace Bridge Public School students were treated to a turkey dinner with all the fixings on Wednesday.

"As a new school, we wanted to do something to bring the students together so we decided to host a turkey dinner," principal Cindy Kohinski said.

Rose Seaton, along with Fort Erie Elementary School, closed in June as a result of an accommodation review and those students merged with General Vanier.

General Vanier reopened in September as Peace Bridge Public School.

"Rose Seaton used to serve turkey dinner to the students and we wanted to carry on that tradition," Kohinski said.

It took about 23 turkeys to feed 400 people. The food was prepared by parent volunteers.

"This couldn't have been done without the help of our volunteers and a week's worth of planning in total," Kohinski said.

School board trustee Dave Schaubel was on hand to serve cranberries to students. He said he loves to volunteer his time at the schools he serves.

"I love doing things for the kids and doing things like this (volunteering at Peace Bridge) is the fun part of being a trustee."

For some students, Wednesday was the first time they had ever eaten a turkey dinner.

"Some children haven't eaten turkey because they are new to Canada and it's their first time," he said.

The meal was also a chance for students who don't normally have a huge meal during the holidays to celebrate with their classmates.

"Events like this (turkey dinner) are a great way to bring the community together and share in each other's culture," he said.

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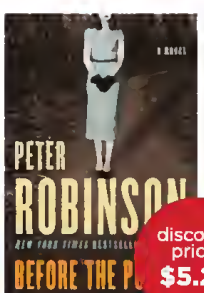

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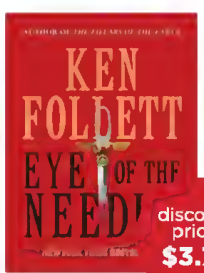

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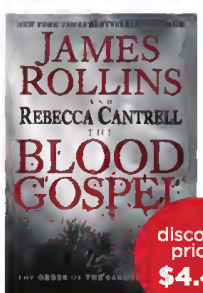

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TASC one step closer to reaching its goal

Group reaches 50% of its fund-raising goal for new ramp

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Local youth are one step closer to reaching the stage to perform at their annual Spring sbow.

But the group still needs the community's help to make it happen.

The Stevensville Lions Club donated $1,500 toward the purchase of a ramp that will be used by members of Therapy and Alternatives for Special Children and Adults with Disabilities.

TASC is a non-profit organization that helps youth and adult with disabilities. The organization's performing arts program requires a ramp to be used for its ongoing practices and performances.

TASC president Nancy Kacur said the ramp costs about $8,000. With the Lion's Club donation, Kacur said TASC has achieved about 50% of its goal.

"We hope that other members of the public, and service clubs, will help us financially achieve this goal," she said.

Kacur said she hopes to have the ramp available by TASC's performances set for April 4 and 5 at the Crystal Ridge Community Centre.

"The performance this year is A Night at the Movie," she said.

Practices will resume in the New Year on January 7th at 6:30 at the Crystal Ridge Community Centre.

"We are always bappy to have new members and volunteers are welcome and needed as well," Kacur said.

Tax receipts for donations of $20 or more are available.

Donations of $200 will be recognized at TASC's spring performance. Donations of $1,000 will receive recognition at the performance as well as a plaque mounted to the ramp itself.

For more information about TASC or to make a donation call Kacur at 905-894-1768 or Walter Deveau at 905-993-1330 or email info@tascniagara.com

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NANCY KACUR Special to The Times

Members of Therapy and Alternatives for Children and Adults with Disabilities celebrated during a recent Christmas party. The Stevensville Lions club donated $1,500 toward the group's $8,000 goal to purchase a new ramp for their ongoing practices and annual spring concert at the Crystal Ridge Community Centre.

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The campaign at Canadian Niagara Power set a new record in 2013 with donations from staff and the company totalling $30,000. Presenting the cheque, from left to right are Courtney Bonito, Fort Erie Campaign Chair, Jennifer Pellegrini and Glen King. Congratulations!

Thanks to Peter Patterson, his staff and the volunteers who helped to make United Way Day at McDonald's a success in September. A portion of sales was donated to the Fort Erie campaign. Mayor Doug Martin was assisted at the drive though window by McDonald's employee, Christine Booth.

Maria's Catering in partnership with the Italo-Canadian Club hasted a lunchean in Navember ta suppart the Fort Erie fundraising effart. Pictured, fram left to right are United Way Executive Directar Caral Stewart-Kirkby, Tany Rainone and Maria Overholt. Thanks far yaur suppart.

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Steve Helwig

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3. **Financial skills** – You have to be financially knowledgeable in the business world. Otherwise, how can you understand the overall concept of doing business and the meaning of profitability

4. **Technical skills** – Start a business in an area where you can utilize your talents, not one that requires technical skills you don't have or cannot learn quickly

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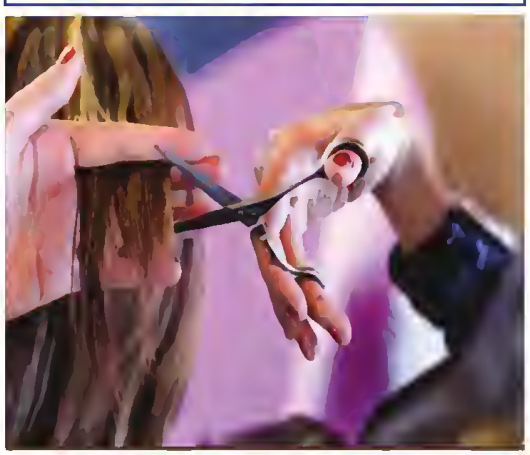

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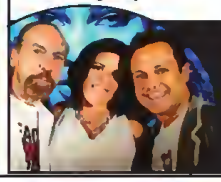

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

From left, Meals on Wheels volunteers Sandra LaBelle, Barb Leney, John Maurice and Jim Randall dressed as Santa Claus and an elf to deliver free meals to people participating in the meal program.

Volunteer Santas deliver meals on wheels

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Santa Claus and his elves made a few stops on his route a little early this year and delivered 122 meals through Fort Erie's Meals on Wheels program.

A handful of volunteers dressed in Santa Claus outfits and delivered free frozen meals compliments of Canadian Tire Financial Services, said executive director Nancy Ryan.

"We gave people a free frozen meal over the holidays and it included an entree with meat, a starch and a vegetable," she said.

Ryan said the program is always in need of volunteers to deliver meals.

"Especially in the snow, we lose volunteers as our snowbirds head south," Ryan said.

"We can always use volunteer drivers to pick up the extra slack as the volunteers who stay during the winter months are doing double duty."

Ryan said the meals on wheels program wouldn't be possible without the support of the community. The program costs more than $30,000 to run each year.Although the organization receives some funding from the government, Ryan said the organization had to fundraise about $17,000 to keep the operation going.

"Donor dollars really add up and every little bit helps," she said.

The number of clients that use the program is constantly changing. Ryan said some seniors who require serious medical car, or a break a hip may take advantage of the meals on wheels program until they recover and are able to care for their own needs again.

Children who are caring for their elderly parents often use the program so a meal is delivered to their parents during the day.

"The program is respite for some people. It's sometimes used so seniors receive a meal during the day while their caregivers are at work," Ryan said.

Meals on Wheels Fort Erie is a non-profit organization that began in 1971 and serves more than 16,000 meals--both hot and cold--each year.. The program operates at St. Paul's Parish Centre and serves Fort Erie, Ridgeway, Crystal Beach, Stevensville and Black Creek.

For more information about the Meals on Wheels program call 905-871-9366.

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NOTIFICATION

Habitat Regulations for Protecting Species at Risk

Ontario is fortunate to have a wide variety of plants and animals. Over 200 of these species, however, are currently 'at risk'. One of the key threats to their survival is habitat loss.

Under the *Endangered Species Act*, 2007, the Government of Ontario has passed habitat regulations for Bogbean Buckmoth, Four-leaved Milkweed, Fowler's Toad, Laura's Clubtail, Queensnake and Rusty-patched Bumble Bee and an amendment to the existing habitat provision for Pale-bellied Frost Lichen. These provisions will help protect and recover these plants and animals. The regulations come into force on **January 1, 2014**.

Want to know more about habitat regulations or the *Endangered Species Act*?

Information on the regulations is available on the Environmental Registry of the Environmental Bill of Rights website at **ontario.ca/ebr (Registry #011-9021)** and on the Species at Risk website at **ontario.ca/speciesatrisk**.

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COPD patients should continue as much exercise as they are able to tolerate, and to ask their doctor for a prescription for prophylactic antibiotics and steroida. Often patients can develop a chest infection while their doctor ia away or over the weekend. If they can start the antibiotics aa soon as possible it may help prevent hoapitalizationa.

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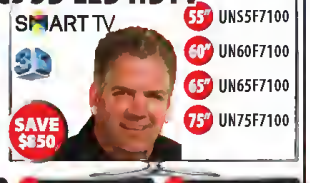

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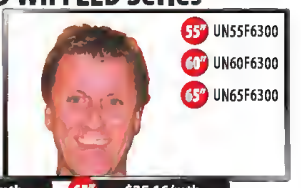

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NOTICE OF NOMINATION FOR OFFICE COMMENCING JANUARY 2, 2014 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 12, 2014

Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended

NOTICE is hereby given to the municipal electors of the Town of Fort Erie that commencing January 2, 2014 nominations may be made for the following offices by filing the prescribed nomination papers and nomination fee in the Office of the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie:

Mayor (1 to be elected)
Regional Councillor (1 to be elected)
Councillor Ward 1 (1 to be elected)
Councillor Ward 2 (1 to be elected)
Councillor Ward 3 (1 to be elected)
Councillor Ward 4 (1 to be elected)
Councillor Ward 5 (1 to be elected)
Councillor Ward 6 (1 to be elected)

Trustee, District School Board of Niagara (English Public School)
(1 to be elected for the combined area of Fort Erie and Port Colborne)

Trustee, Niagara Catholic District School Board (English Separate School)
(1 to be elected for combined the area of Fort Erie, Port Colborne and Wainfleet)

Nominations for the following School Boards having jurisdiction in the Town of Fort Erie shall be filed with the Clerk of the City of Welland:

Trustee, Conseil scolaire Viamonde (French Public School)
(1 to be elected for the combined area of Fort Erie, Niagara Falls, Pelham, Port Colborne, Thorold, Wainfleet and Welland.

Trustee, Conseil scolaire de district catholique centre-sud (French Separate School)
(1 to be elected for the combined area of Fort Erie, Pelham, Port Colborne, Wainfleet and Welland.)

A nomination form must be signed by the candidate and may be filed with the Clerk in person or by an agent from January 2, 2014 to September 11, 2014, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or on **Nomination Day, September 12, 2014, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.** The prescribed nomination filing fee of $200 for Mayor and $100 for Regional Councillor, Councillor or School Trustee, must accompany the nomination form. The fee is payable in cash, by debit card, certified cheque or money order made payable to the Town of Fort Erie. The nomination form must be certified by the Clerk before any person becomes a certified candidate for the office to which he or she is nominated. **Candidates for French School Board Trustee must file the nomination paper with the Clerk of the City of Welland.**

A candidate must have registered by filing the nomination form and fee before he/she expends any funds on a campaign or accepts any contributions.

Please direct all enquiries to the Clerk/Returning Officer. Further information and forms are available on the Town's website at www.town.forterie.on.ca

DATED AT FORT ERIE this 19th day of December, 2013.

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Luncheon to feature Toronto Blue Jays players

Toronto Blue Jays' pitchers Brandon Morrow, Dustin McGowan, Esmil Rogers and Todd Redmond will join baseball fans at the Buffalo Bisons' annual Hot Stove Luncheon.

The event will be held Thursday, Jan. 16 at Adam's Mark Hotel Grand Ball Room. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon.

Limited tickets are available for $25. Tables of eight may be reserved for $200.

Along with a buffet meal, guests will receive a free Blue Jays Toque and an issue of Baseball America magazine.

One fan from each table will receive a Blue Jays autographed item from one of the players attending.

Tickets must be reserved by Monday, Jan. 13. Tickets purchased after this date will be available at Will Call outside of the Adam's Mark Grand Ballroom.

For more information call 1-716-846-2011.

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The Town's By-law Enforcement Officers will be exercising vigilant enforcement of By-law No. 2000-89. **Your vehicle will be issued a parking ticket and could be towed, at your expense,** if found in violation of the by-law.

Enquiries may be directed to the Town's By-law Enforcement Officers by calling (905) 871-1600, Extension 2216 (Geoff Stephenson) or Extension 2215 (Matt Richardson).

Submit a detailed resume by Noon local time on Friday, December 13, 2013 to Competition No. 25-2013, Human Resources, Town of Fort Erie, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, ON, L2A 2S6. Fax: 905 871 4022. email: tmather@forterie.on.ca (MS Word, OpenOffice or pdf). More information is available @ www.town.forterie.on.ca under Town Hall. Candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. The evaluation process may include a practical assessment. Personal information is collected under the Municipal Act, 2001 to determine employment suitability. The Town of Fort Erie is an equal opportunity employer. Accommodation is available to candidates upon request.

Smuggling network with ties to Niagara is busted

Alison Langley
QMI Agency Niagara

Police and border officials have dismantled what they are calling a major tobacco smuggling network with ties to Niagara.

The Hamilton/Niagara RCMP and Canada Border Services Agency announced last week that a number of people have been arrested in connection with a large contraband tobacco smuggling and trafficking operation allegedly responsible for smuggling in excess of 73 tonnes of water pipe tobacco into Canada since 2010.

"Contraband tobacco is a threat to the security and health of Canadian citizens," said Rick Comerford, CBDA spokesperson.

"People need to be aware that if they purchase contraband tobacco, they are funding criminal activity."

A joint investigation was launched in 2011 after 1,440 kilograms of tobacco was seized at the Peace Bridge in Fort Erie in July 2001 followed in October by a seizure of another 1,440 kilo-g rams of tobacco at the Queenston-Lewiston Bridge.

As the investigation progressed, police said, a larger smuggling organization was uncovered.

Police said the volume of smuggled tobacco would have resulted in millions of dollars in unpaid duties and taxes, and huge profits for organized crime.

"The CBSA and the RCMP work side by side within a number of other joint forces operations targeting contraband," said RMCP Insp. Steve Martin.

"As a result, we have a common understanding of the capabilities, intentions, vulnerabilities and limitations of organized criminal networks and we apply that intelligence to disrupt them and their supply chains."

Nine people, including four residents of Hamilton and one from Calgary, face numerous charges.

Anyone with information regarding the sale and manufacturing of contraband tobacco or suspicious cross-border activity, is asked to contact the RCMP at 1-800-387-0020, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-265-4444 or the CBSA Border Watch Line at 1-888-502- 9060.

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Ridgeway truck driver involved in fatal US cop crash

Tony Ricciuto
QMI Agency Niagara

A tractor trailer driver from Ridgeway, who was involved in a fatal motor vehicle accident earlier last week that killed a New York state trooper, says he has been instructed not to talk about the incident.

Gary Blakley, 65, of Ridgeway, was hauling insulation last Monday night when his rig was involved in an accident in Amsterdam that killed New York State Police Trooper David Cunniff.

When contacted at his home in Ridgeway last Thursday, Blakley said "I'm not allowed to talk about it."

The funeral service for the fallen trooper was held last Friday.

State police Superintendent Joseph D' Amico said in a media release that Cunniff, 35, was inside his patrol car behind a car he had pulled over for speeding on Interstate 902 at about 8:20 p.m. last Monday.

The police officer's cruiser was rear-ended by a tractor-trailer shortly after the officer had pulled over a car for speeding on the thruway.

Police say the tractor trailer was travelling eastbound in the right lane and drove off the roadway for an unknown reason, striking the two vehicles at the traffic stop.

The trooper was in his patrol car at the time and his emergency lights were activated.

A passenger vehicle, driven by Eric Heller, 57, of Stony Creek, N.Y., was stopped on the right shoulder. Heller was sitting in his vehicle during the traffic stop.

Police report the impact from the collision forced the trooper's car off the right shoulder partially ejecting the officer from the vehicle.

The tractor trailer continued on, striking Heller's car and trapping the driver inside his vehicle.

Heller had to be extricated by the Amsterdam Fire Department. He was conscious and transported by ambulance to hospital where he is listed in fair condition.

Cunniff, a nine year veteran of the New York State Police assigned to Troop T Fultonville, was airlifted to Albany Medical Center where he died last Tuesday afternoon.

He is survived by his wife, Amy, and two sons, Caleb, 6, and Zachary, 4.

The accident remainsed under investigation last Friday.

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Ridgeway Public School student Evyn Burns throws a pumpkin pie in her teacher, Scott Darragh's face during an assembly held last Thursday. Darragh was one of several staff from the school to have pies thrown in their faces by students as part of a celebration for the school's successful toy and food drive.

SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Ridgeway Public School was buzzing with activity last Thursday when students were rewarded for raising about $1,000 in toys and non-perishable food items by watching staff have whipped cream pies thrown in their faces. All of the items raised by the students were donated to the Saint Vincent de Paul Food Bank. (Top) caretaker Ken Towner didn't mind getting messy so he chose not to wear plastic to protect his clothes from the whipped dream. (Top right) Student Kaelyn Fitzgerald couldn't help but laugh as she smushed a whipped cream pie in principal Sherry Storey's face. (Bottom right) Secretary Sherry Quesnel gives Calleigh Davidson a hug after Davidson threw a whipped cream pie in her face.

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Who will be selected for Fort Erie Time's

1st Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards?

We're extremely proud of the contributions volunteers make to our community. We all know many of these often unsung heroes who add so much to the quality of life in Greater Fort Erie - let's put their names forward for official recognition by the The Fort Erie Time's and its Readers and the Citizens of Greater Fort Erie in a special section in the Fort Erie Times. Simply complete the nomination form, submitting the volunteer's name in one of the following categories:

1. Work with Seniors
2. Work with Youth
3. Historical Contribution
4. Cultural (Arts, Music, etc.)
5. Protecting the Environment
6. Education
7. Sports and Recreation
8. Safety
9. Service Clubs
10. Work with Needy or Disabled
11. Volunteers under 21
12. Community Events

In addition to the 12 categories listed, if you wish to submit a new category for recognition please submit the category and we will give it consideration to be added to the list. All names submitted must include a letter of supporting information stating why your nominee should win. Nominations will be gathered by the Fort Erie Times to be forwarded to the selection committee. One volunteer in each category will be selected to be honoured by the the Fort Erie Times at a special ceremony and will be profiled in the Fort Erie times.

Volunteer Recognition Awards Nomination Form

I wish to nominate:

Name:_____

Category #:_____

Address:_____

Phnne #:_____

Submitted by: (and phnne #)_____

1. Complete the nomination form along with a brief note outlining the nominee's contribution by FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7TH 2014
2. Mail, fax, phone, e-mail or drop off your nominations to The Fort Erie Times 450 Garrison Road, Fort Erie Ontario L2A 1N2 or E-Mail myra.robertson@sunmedia.ca
3. Selected volunteers must agree to appear in a special feature story or another nominee will be selected.
4. Nominations are limited to people who live in the Town of Greater Fort Erie Area

Presented by The Fort Erie Times

Nomination Deadline
Friday February 7th 2014

SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Seven-year-old Brandon Cardona makes a craft at Our Lady Of Victory Catholic Elementary School during its family craft and fun night held last Wednesday. The event featured plenty of Christmas-inspired crafts in classrooms and refreshments in the school's gymnasium for the OLV school community to enjoy.

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Liam and Olivia are most popular names in 2013

Liam and Olivia remain the king and queen of baby names in Ontario

ServiceOntario announced last Thursday the names topped the popularity list respectively for boys and girls in the province for the second year in a row.

Olivia has been the favourite name for girls since 2008, followed by the same second, third and fourth place names from last year — Emma, Sophia and Ava.

Emily has joined the ranks to round out the top five.

For boys, Ethan, Jacob and Lucas once again took spots two through four, with Benjamin coming in at five.

Ontario gives parents up to one year to register their newborn's birth online.

"Parents can register their newly named babies online from the comfort of their own homes," said Minister of Government Service John Milloy in a press release.

"By making it more convenient for families to access our services, we are helping new parents focus on what's really important."

Tommy O extends his New Years Eve show

Tickets for Tommy O's New Year's Eve performance are high demand, so the operatic singer will extend his show at the Italo-Canadian Club.

The singer, also known as Tom Organiscak, was originally set to play from 6 to 10 p.m. but has decided to extend his show to midnights, said manager Sandra Bracci.

Organiscak will perform a selection from Phantom of the Opera, Don Quixote, Fiddler on the Roof and Jean Val Jean from the musical Les Miserables.

Tickets are $35 each and can be purchased by calling Bracci at 905-977-0323.

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A local grocery store hopes to make Fort Erie a stronger community.

Joe's Valu-mart store owner Joe Ambrosio presented two families with a grant from President's Choice Children's Charity.

The Goodayles received $5,000 to provide their son Douglas with home renovation safety.

The second grant, worth $20,000 was given to the Laviolette family to provide their 13-year old son Joshua with a wheelchair accessible van.

The team at Joe's Valu-mart raised the money toward this grant through the support of their customers during in-store campaigns, employee contributions and barbeques.

All funds raised by President's Choice Children's Charity in Ontario goes toward supporting families with children that have physical or developmental disabilities, as well as nutrition programs.

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Sarah Ferguson, Editor

Member appreciation night

KAREN AUDET Special to The Times

From left, Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce directors Scott Caldwell, Rick Phibbs, and Chamber member Tami Dickson were on hand for celebrations during the Member Appreciation Business After Five event. The chamber held its Member Appreciation Business After Five event held at Trailside Bar and Grill on Dec. 10. It was the final event before the New Year.

Fort Erie known for its sports' heritage

Heritage Arts Legacy Council encourages community to learn about sports history through memorabilia and art displays

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Some of the greatest athletes in the sports industry have come from Fort Erie.

Heritage Arts Legacy chairman Ruby Smith said many well-know athletes got their start in the border town, and are recognized on the Sports Wall of Fame at the Fort Erie Leisureplex.

She's hoping to raise awareness of Fort Erie's sports history through memorabilia and art.

Eight athletes including Toronto Maple Leafs' Ed Chadwick and Mike McMahon have had large posters created in their images and placed on display at the Leisureplex in the Kinsmen Arena as part of a small art gallery that was created four years ago by the Heritage Arts Legacy. The Heritage Arts Legacy is a local group which aims to raise awareness of the town's history.

Plaques with their names were recently purchased and will be installed soon to identify the individuals featured in the small art gallery.

Smith said she would like to see more athletes featured on the walls of the arena.

"The dream is to have a sports gallery in the Leisureplex where people can come to see memorabilia of our sports heroes.," she said.

"We have many sports heroes and many people don't realize that we really are a sports town."

Smith would also like to give people the option of using their smart phones to scan a barcode to learn more about one of the town's athletes.

"In this digital ages, we're boping to have the capability for people standing in front of icons to get more history on their Iphones. We want to put Fort Erie on the map as a sports town," she said.

Smith has always had an interest in sports from an early age, and competed on a women's softball team for years, Sports is something she feels it's important for everyone in the community to participate in.

"I've always thought it was healthy for kids. It also has benefits, both physically and socially for everyone," she said.

Individuals interested in assisting the Heritage Legacy Council raise awareness for sports history in Fort Erie, or to volunteer, can call Smith at 905-871-3839 or e-mail hbarnhart1@cogeco.ca.

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Heritage Arts Legacy Council Ruby Smith invites to the community to view the sports art on display at the Fort Erie Leisureplex in the Kinsmen Arena.

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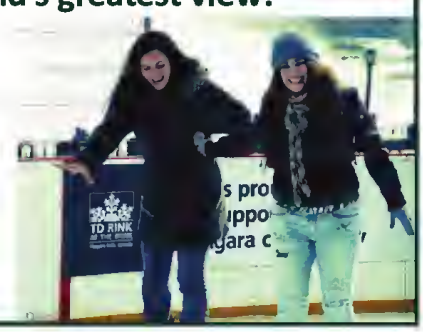
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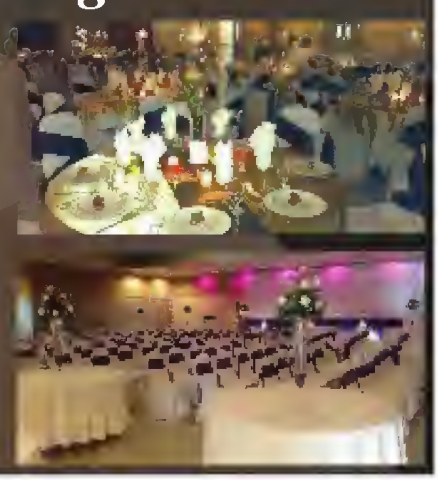

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 27

GOSPEL OF JOHN

film viewing at Stevensville United Brethren Church in 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Everyone welcome for movie and refreshments. 2508 Stevensville Road, Stevensville.

JANUARY 4

POLAR BEAR DIP

and Chilli cookoff hosted by the Crystal Beach Business Improvement Association. Bertie Boat Club on Point Abino Rd. Noon to 4 p.m.

COSTUME CONTEST

and Polar Bear Dip at Chippawa Public Boat Ramp. Lyons Creek and Sodom Rds. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

JANUARY 14

STATE OF FORT ERIE

A breakfast discussion on the state of Fort Erie with a mayoral address from Doug Martin, an Economic Development and Tourism Update from EDTC general manager Jim Thibert and address from Chamber of Commerce president Dean Demizio. Clarion Hotel and Conference. 1485 Garrison Rd., Fort Erie, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Advanced tickets only. $18 chamber members, $22 non-members.

JANUARY 17

SUPPORTING OUR SISTERS

Information session at Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre, 796 Buffalo Rd. Introductions to education transitional program for Native women.

JANUARY 20

CRAVING CHANGE

Information session about a six week workshop focused on changing your relationship with food. Sessions are expected to run Jan. 27 to March 10. Bridges Community Health Centre, Fort Erie. Call 905-871-7621 for more information.

JANUARY 21

EAT SMART

For your heart. Discover foods to eat for a healthy heart. Bridges Community Health Centre, Fort Erie. 1485 Garrison Road 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 905-871-7621 for more information.

JANUARY 28

HEART HEALTHY

shopping and label reading. Learn how to read and understand food labels so you can make wiser choices about what you eat. 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Bridges Community Health Centre, Fort Erie. 1485 Garrison Road. Call 905-871-7621 for more information.

FEBRUARY 12

DEPRESSION WORKSHOP

Understand the symptoms of different types of depression. Bridges Community Health Centre, Fort Erie. 1485 Garrison Road. For more information call 905-871-9153. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

ONGOING

HOLIDAY HOURS

The Fort Erie Public Library will change hours during the holidays. Dec. 24 and 31, all branches will open from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dec. 25, and 26 and Jan. 1, all branches are closed.

SOCIAL GROUP

Drop in for a warm beverage and some lively conversation the first and third Tuesday of every month. 10 a.m. to noon. Bridges Community Health Centre, Fort Erie, 1485 Garrison Rd. No registration required. For more information call 905-871-7621.

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DIABETES HOT TOPICS

Topics to help people self-manage their diabetes. Feb. 5, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Your Eyes and Diabetes, Optometrist Dr. Dube; March 6, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. , Dental Care and Diabetes, with dental hygienist, Nancy Pierce. Call Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie at 905-871-7621 for more information.

NIAGARA ACTION

For Animals Bazaar every Saturday and Sunday and statutory holiday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the County Fair Mall. Proceeds to benefit local animals in need. For more information call Patricia Naylor at 905-871-7493.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

for the month of December for Community Program Outreach Erie. Any non-perishable items, toiletries, instant formula and diapers greatly needed. Other items needed include: pancake mix, syrup, canned fruit, vegetables, peanut butter, jam, tuna fish, cereal, lunch snacks, crackers, cookies, juice boxes, and pasta. For more information call 905-871-2526.

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of Niagara Region support groups for care partners meet the first Tuesday of the month, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Welland Community Wellness Complex, and second Wednesday of the month, same time, at Foyer Richelieu. For information, call 905-687-3914.

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Camping 1812 style

STEPHEN PASSERO Special to The Times

From left, Ward 1 Coun. Stephen Passero receives a visit from Aiden, Jack, and Mason Storring during the Flames Across Niagara event held Dec. 6. The children donated spare change to support Passero and other local celebrities who camped out at the coal docks like soldiers would have done during the War of 1812 to raise money for local charities.

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Bouquet for a Santa Claus

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Brick to police officer

A brick for the police officer on King St. that broke the law. The speed limit says 50 km an hour and you were clearly going 80 km. I can understand if you were on your way to an emergency but you pulled into a parking lot. Do you not have to follow the same laws as regular people? You should set a good example, not a bad one. You also splashed me with all the sand and slush on the ground and got my coat soaked.

Brick to snowmobiles in Ridgeway cemetery

A brick for all those snowmobilers who cut through the cemetery in Ridgeway now that the snow is here. Shame on you. You should have more respect.

Bouquet for art lovers

I was one of the vendors at the art show held at the old doll house museum and I would like to send a bouquet to all the patrons who came out in spite of the horrible weather. We had a lovely time despite the weather. I just wanted the people who came out to know how much it was appreciated.

Bouquet for art lovers

A brick for all the negative rumours that the County Fair Mall is dead, I was just there and it was more lively now than it has been in a long time. It has achieved an amazing revitalization. It goes to show that you can't believe everything you hear.

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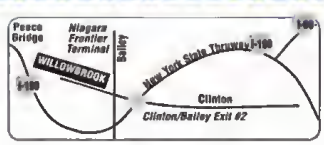

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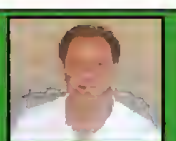

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PARENT NETWORKING

A monthly support group for caregivers of children, youth or adults with autism, a developmental disability, or mental health issues held the last Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Bridges Community Health Centre, Fort Erie. 1485 Garrison Rd. Call 905-871-7621 for more information.

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Institute meets third Thursday of the month at People's Memorial Church, Ridgeway, at 7 p.m

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The Guild Hall Makers' Market, 72 Charlotte St., Port Colborne, is held every Friday 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To inquire, call Mary at 905-835-0394 or the church office at 905-834-3184.

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BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one, meetings are every second and fourth Thursday of the month at St. Kevin's Church (Hospitality Room) from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., 303 Niagara St., Welland. Call 905-732-3969 for further information.

AIR CADETS

337 Allan Troup Squadron meet every Wednesday at Fort Erie Leisureplex, Lions Banquet Hall. 6:45-9:30 p.m. For youth ages 12-18 years-old. For more information e-mail harold.sully@cadets.net.

RIDGEWAY HOCKEY

The next session of Ridgeway Ball Hockey begins in January and registration is now online at www.ridgewayhockey.ca. Check out more information for a PA Day hockey camp and a mini-stick tournament on Dec. 29.

SUBMIT AN EVENT

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DATED at Fort Erie this 9th day of December, 2013.
ANDREE ST. LOUIS,
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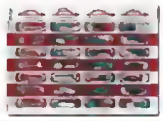

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Obituaries

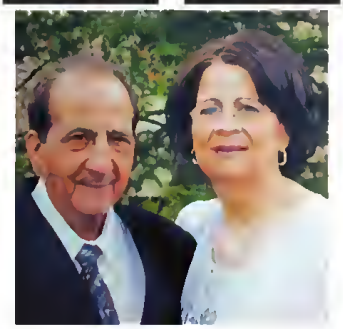
BAUMANIS, Debora - Passed away at the Douglas Memorial Hospital at the age of 93. Predeceased by her husband Larry, she will be sadly missed by her children Ruth Beumenis, Peter (Caorle) Beumenis and John Baumanis. Proud grandmother of Nicholas and Alex and great grandmother of Jenna. Predeceased by 2 brothers and 1 sister. Debora was a charter member of Community Living Fort Erie. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES,** 1105 Benner Ave. Fort Erie entrusted with private funeral arrangements. If so desired, donations to Community Living Fort Erie would be appreciated by the family.

Death Notices

LLOYD, Melvin Howard, P.Eng.

At home on December 18, 2013 in his 86th year. Survived by his wife Maria Lloyd and predeceased by his former spouse Rose Mary Lloyd (née Traynor). Loving father of Roxanne, Christine (Kevin) Olesen, Grace, Darcy and Roger (Karin Stebbins). Cherished grandfather of Kirsten and Erika Rose Olesen and Dane Lloyd. Predeceased by sisters Vera Hillier and Doris Barber. He is survived by brother Kenneth (Marina) Lloyd and many nieces and nephews. Visitation was held at the Garden Chapel of Tubman Funeral Home on Friday, December 20, 2013. Funeral Service was held on December 21, 2013. Interment in Brantford, Ontario in the Spring. For those who wish, donations to your charity of choice would be appreciated. Condolences, tributes or donations may be made at:
www.tubmanfuneralhomes.com

In Memoriams



AQUILINA, Sam and Maria -
In loving memory of our dear parents
at Christmas time.

You're not forgotten dear parents
Your memories our keepsakes,
Your love a guiding light
in our darkest nights.

We think of you dear parents
At the close of this year,
Our holiday traditions of homemade pizza,
warm focaccia, and a Christmas breakfast
of fried olives and scrambled eggs.

We honour you dear parents,
And recognize the sacrifices
you've made for each of us.
Sadly it is in the heavens
now where you both reside,
But it's in our hearts forever
where you truly exist.

We miss you very much,
Leonard, Mario, Elio, Mary and Dan.

Christopher Gibbons
Our world will never be the same
because of the significant difference
his life has made.
His journey continues on...in us.
Always loved and never forgotten,
Your Mom, Mark & Tina, Ethan & Alexa

JACQUES CHARLES
In Loving Memory of my dear brother
Jacques Charles John who left us Dec. 20, 2012
Dearly loved and sadly missed
by sister Maxine and brother-in-law Glen

Pasquale Burgio M.B.

In loving memory of a dear husband,
father and nonno whom we lost 10
years ago on December 31, 2003.

What we would give to hear his uplifting
voice again,
Once more his smiling face to see,
To tell a joke and hear him laugh heartily,
To see him in the garden working happily,
These things we often wish for,
Till this very day.

Time may hide the sadness and smiles
hide the tears but precious memories
never fade, despite the passing years.
Lovingly remembered and forever in our
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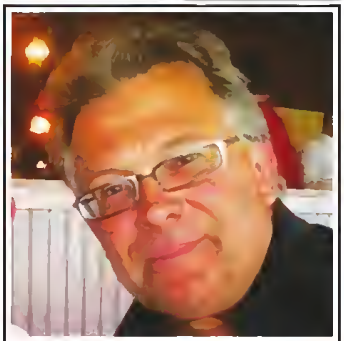
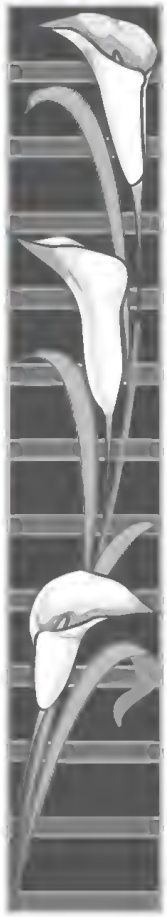


Willows, Walter "Wally"
In loving memory of my husband & best friend
December 26, 1951 - July 8, 2013
Happy Birthday, Honey.

Live our dreams
Staring at the little dots in the sky
wondering which one is you
asking the same question, why?
Only answer I know is that you knew
Sitting by the window watching the snow
fall, never felt so cold.
Remembered the last story you told.
Hold on, be strong
Live your life, do your things
for its in Heaven I belong
Go on and live our dreams
In a song I still hear you
In a flower I still see you
But your bed space is empty
Its just your memory that comforts me.
Missing you is a rollercoaster ride
Emotions up and down
Always wishing you are by side
But I'll hold on and I'll be strong
Will live my life, do my things
And promise to live our dreams.

I'll love you always and forever,
Sue Willows (nee Genco)



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Fliptop Clear Tote, 45L
SAVE 37%
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Reg $7.99
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Gracious Living Clear Tote with Wheels, 80L
SAVE 62%
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Reg $15.99
SALE $5.99

Blue Planet Tote with Wheels, 80L
SAVE 60%
#142-2030
Reg $14.99
SALE $5.88

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